

GUESTS OF PRESIDENT

Coming Secretary Breakfasts at White House.

STATEMENT LOOKED FOR

Statistician E. W. Parker Urged for Director of Bureau of Mines.

EXECUTIVE HAS BUSY DAY

"Battling" Nelson Among Those Received—Mr. Taft Will Leave Tomorrow—To Return Sunday.

Charles D. Norton, who is to be secretary to President Taft in place of Fred W. Carpenter, was a guest of President Taft at breakfast this morning. A statement was expected during the day announcing the acceptance by him of an offer of the position. The White House, however, gave out no statement, but it is definitely known that Mr. Norton will be the new secretary.

The information today was that Mr. Norton would probably go to the White House on leave on absence from the Treasury, waiting a later time to determine whether he cares to permanently remain there. It was expected that this would be part of the statement that was looked for.

E. W. Parker, chief statistician of the geological survey, was urged upon President Taft today for director of the new bureau of mines, and his friends believe he stands a good chance of being nominated. Those who presented his name were Representatives in Shafter, Bell, Gillespie, Harding and Randall. Mr. Parker once lived in Texas, but he has been in the geological survey many years.

WOOD FIRES IN EXECUTIVE OFFICES.

Wood fires burned brightly in the executive offices today, and the chilly, raw morning caused callers on the President to wear overcoats. Senators Crane and Curtis were overcoats, and half the visitors during the day either wore these top pieces or carried them along. The fire in the President's office looked cheerful and felt comfortable.

The President had a pretty active day. He started business with Vice President Sherman, who had a number of small matters to look after, and later took on the "Battling" Nelson, the ex-lightweight champion. Nelson came to meet the President. He had a good handle on the situation and the President. He asked for and obtained an autographed photograph of the President.

Senator Elkins told the President that indications pointed to a vote on the railroad bill before the Senate today, and the passage of the bill by a full republican vote, including the insurgents.

Representative Murdock saw the President and congratulated him upon the action taken yesterday in the House in connection with western railroads increasing freight rates. "This is the most important and far-reaching step taken by this administration and will result in the hearty approval of the people of the country."

Hamilton King, United States minister to Spain, was introduced to President yesterday by Senator Burrows. A dozen other visitors were seen in the White House today, including the Hon. Charles E. Hughes, assistant secretary of the Navy, and a number of other officials.

President's Next Trip. Mr. Taft will leave Washington tomorrow morning on a trip to New York. He will go to New York to attend the closing exercises of the University of the City of New York, and to see his son, Fred, who is a pupil of the University.

Mr. Taft will stop at the Hotel Marlborough, and will then go to the Hotel New York. He will then go to the Hotel New York, and will then go to the Hotel New York.

MARITAL TROUBLE DISCLOSED.

Annie H. Crocker has filed suit for absolute divorce from Willis F. Crocker. They were married November 5, 1879. Devotion and inactivity are alleged. Attorney J. H. Adams represents the wife.

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FATAL SHOT IN FIGHT

YOUNG HAGERSTOWN FARMER DIES IN HOSPITAL.

CLAUDE McCUSKER, Accused of Killing

Jefferson Roman, Eludes Maryland Officers.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., June 1.—As the result of a fight with the above-named Monday night, Jefferson Roman, a young farmer, who lived at Long Hollow, several miles from Hancock, this county, died at the hospital at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Claude McCusker, of near Hancock, who is charged with the shooting, is being sought by the officers.

According to the information telephoned to the officers here, Roman and McCusker spent Monday in Hancock, and in the evening left the town and started on their way home. McCusker was in advance of Roman. At a point two miles west of Hancock, McCusker and Roman, several companions, are said to have been in waiting for Roman. Bad feeling is said to have existed for several years between McCusker and Roman, and when the latter arrived a fight ensued. When the jury's verdict of Roman's body. Following the shooting, McCusker and his friends fled. When Roman was found, he was unconscious, and so far as is known he never rallied sufficiently to make a statement.

All efforts to locate McCusker have been fruitless. An inquest was held at Hancock, attended by State Attorney Armstrong. The jury's verdict of Roman's body. Following the shooting, McCusker and his friends fled. When Roman was found, he was unconscious, and so far as is known he never rallied sufficiently to make a statement.

YOUNG GOULD GOES BACK

RETURNS TO SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT FIFTEEN DAYS.

POMFRET CENTER, Conn., June 1.—Edwin Gould is back from his dash for Broadway. His father, Edwin Gould of Hartford-Hudson, brought him from Hartford yesterday so footsore he could barely walk alone, and turned him over to Headmaster W. B. Olmsted of the Pomfret School for Boys. An hour later he was in the school hospital and his father was on his way to Boston.

Returns for Fifteen Days. The Pomfret School will close June 15, and Edwin Gould will remain among the students until the fall. His father is anxious to have him return, he is willing enough himself, but Mr. Gould had trouble in securing his admission for the rest of this term even.

The boy has been at Pomfret for just three weeks. His studies, the post office and a dozen handsome summer homes comprise all there is to Pomfret. The school is not a disciplinarian institution in any sense. The boys themselves were about as indignant over that characterization as they were over young Gould's escapade.

How the Schoolboys Feel. "He's given the school an awful black eye," one lad declared with much heat last evening, and added that he'd read in the paper that it was made clear that the boys felt that way about it. The attitude taken by the boys themselves seems to have had a good deal to do with young Gould's action.

They looked him over as boys will before they take a dislike to him. It was the delay in fixing his rating that gave point to his dissatisfaction. Mr. Gould insisted yesterday that his son had run away on a walking trip over the Memorial day holiday. The boy dissents from his father's version.

"It was so slow here I couldn't stand it," he says. "They sent me down here, and they wouldn't let me go. They wouldn't let me go. They wouldn't let me go."

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\$55,000 for Aerial Flights From New York City

RAILROAD BILL AMENDMENT

TO CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

World and Times Newspapers Encourage Long-Distance Tests.

AVIATORS WILLING TO TRY Baldwin and Hamilton Ready, and Curtiss Promises to Take the Matter Under Consideration.

NEW YORK, June 1.—Offers of large prizes for new and interesting tests of aviation are coming thick and fast. At a dinner given by the New York World last night to Glenn H. Curtiss, who on Sunday won the \$10,000 prize for an aeroplane flight from Albany to New York, it was announced by Mayor Gaynor that the World would offer \$50,000 for an aeroplane flight from New York to St. Louis. In addition to this offer the New York Times has arranged with J. C. Shaffer of the Chicago Evening Post to make a similar offer for a flight between Chicago and New York. The details of which will be announced later.

Aviators Willing to Try. Shortly after the offers were made Charles K. Hamilton and Capt. Thomas Scott Baldwin signified their willingness to try for the prize. Mr. Curtiss said he would take the matter under consideration.

The fifty-four guests at the dinner last night received the World's announcement with the greatest enthusiasm. Napkins were dropped, and the guests usually looked upon as sedate and calm became personalities stood up and cheered the offer with a loud and long shout.

Men like John Jacob Astor, Hudson Maxin and Dave Hennen Morris, who have shown in various ways their deep interest in aviation, were among the first to stand up and cheer the offer. They stood up and cheered the offer with a loud and long shout.

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Companies Must Prove Reasonableness of Increases Made Since First of the Year.

CHECK ON RATE ADVANCES

Through an amendment to the railroad bill offered last night after dinner by Senator Cummins and adopted by the Senate the shippers won another point in their fight against the increases of freight rates.

First of the Year. This amendment will put upon the railroads the burden of proving in the hearings before the interstate commerce commission the reasonableness for any increases in rates made since January 1, 1910. It is designed to checkmate the latest move of the common carriers—that of filing increases to rates before a new law goes into effect giving the commission power to suspend increased rates pending an investigation of their reasonableness.

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Senator Cummins' Address. "Everybody recognizes that since January 1," said Mr. Cummins, "an abnormal situation has existed. The railway companies, in anticipation of the passage of the bill, have increased their rates. It is not fair to let them do this without a check on their rates."

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